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•1 FILED JUL 21 2020 2 13 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA Elen Meder et al., IN PRO SE Case No: 20-cv-01200-WHO Petitioners & Movants, **MOTION** VS. TO EXTEND THE PROTECTIONS OF THE ORDER ON MOTION TO SEAL COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, **HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES** Respondent 7 8 **MOTION** 9 TO EXTEND THE PROTECTIONS OF THE ORDER ON MOTION TO SEAL 10 11 12 Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 5-1.(3), the Court Order on Motion to Seal of July 6, 2020, was served by mail on July 10, 2020. Exhibit F: Dkt. 20 with an envelope. 13 14 15 Pursuant to CCP Rule 1013.(a), the time period prescribed by Fed.R.Civ.P 79-5 (3), shall be 16 extended five calendar days, upon service by mail. 17 18 Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 79-5 (3) and 8 CFR 208. 6, this Motion is moving this Court for 19 extending the protections of the Order on Motion to SEAL for the following case documents: 20 21 1. United States Magistrate Judge and United States District Judge's decisions led to the dismissal 22 of this case and its appeal to the Ninth Circuit by the Plaintiffs. 23 24 The Plaintiffs ask this Court to place under seal the particular critical parts and protectable information of this decisive documents and place under seal the protectable information of the 25

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:1 docket. This request is narrowly tailored to seal only that material for which good cause to seal 2 has been established. *3 4 Exhibit G: the above-entitled documents and docket redacted from the public version, along with 5 a confidential copy of the unredacted and complete documents (Dkt. 5; Dkt. 11; Dkt. 12; Dkt. 17; 6 Docket), annotated to identify which portions are sealable. 7 8 2. The Declarations of both Plaintiffs (Dkt. 19) are entitled to protection under the law. 9 3. In this case, all other filings disclosed some critical parts and captured pages that disclose 10 11 protectable information such as the Plaintiffs' full names, mailing address, phone numbers, email 12 address. 13 14 The estimated volume of paper copies of the redacted version, unredacted and complete non-15 decisive documents sought partly to be sealed will be about 240 pages. Because of the public health crisis, there is no access to the affordable printing cervices at the SF public libraries. 16 17 Due to this force-major, the Plaintiffs ask this Court to seal all other filings (inc. this Motion) in 18 this case entirely. 19 20 This Motion is served on all parties that have appeared in the case. 21 Respectfully submitted, 22 23 24 Dated: 07/22/2020 25 Walter Meder 26

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Defendant.

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ORDER ON MOTION TO SEAL

Re: Dkt. No. 19

Pro se plaintiffs Elen and Walter Meder have filed a "motion to seal" this closed case. Dkt. No. 19. In their motion, plaintiffs point out that the complaint and exhibits they filed in this case contain personal information including their full dates of birth, social security numbers, asylum application information, as well as details and photocopies of their personal identification cards. They ask me to "seal this case" to prevent disclosure of that confidential and sensitive information.

The appropriate remedy is to seal the complaint and its exhibits. That will prevent anyone outside of the court from accessing those documents in the future. However, the decisions of Judge Corley and myself – which led to the dismissal of this case and its appeal to the Ninth Circuit by the Meders – and the other filings in this case will not be sealed. No particularly sensitive or protectable information is disclosed in those filings and opinions.

Therefore, the Meders' request to seal is GRANTED in part. The Clerk shall seal the complaint and exhibits at Dkt. No. 1.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 6, 2020

Alliam H. Orrick
United States District Judge

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I. LEGAL STANDARD

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A complaint is frivolous under Section 1915 where there is no subject matter jurisdiction. See Castillo v. Marshall, 207 F.3d 15, 15 (9th Cir. 1997) (citation omitted); see also Pratt v. Sumner, 807 F.2d 817, 819 (9th Cir. 19987) (recognizing the general proposition that a complaint should be dismissed as frivolous on Section 1915 review where subject matter jurisdiction is lacking).

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Here, Plaintiffs allege that they were erroneously denied County Adult Assistance Programs ("CAAP") aid by Defendant City and County of San Francisco Human Services Agency because Defendant found that Plaintiffs were not permanently living in the United States. (Compl. at 4, Dkt. No. 1.) Plaintiffs, however, contend that per 20 C.F.R. § 416.1618's definition of when a person is considered to be "permanently residing in the United States under color of law," they are permanently living in the United States. (*Id.*) In or around October 2017, Plaintiffs appealed,

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Accordingly, the Court concludes that the complaint is insufficient to satisfy Section 1915 review.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Court recommends that the case be dismissed with prejudice for lack of jurisdiction.

Any party may file objections to this report and recommendation with the district judge within 14 days of being served with a copy. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(l); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); N.D. Civil L.R. 72-3. The parties are advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the district court's order. IBEW Local 595 Trust Funds v. ACS Controls Corp., No. C-10-5568, 2011 WL 1496056, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 20, 2011).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 6, 2020

KANDIS A. WESTMORE United States Magistrate Judge UNREDACTED VERSION OF DOCUMENT(S) SOUGHT TO BE SEALED

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ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION; DISMISISNG CASE WITH PREJUDICE

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The complaint is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. The Meders requests for permission for electronic case filing (Dkt. Nos. 3, 9) are DENIED as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 24, 2020

William H. Orrick United States District Judge

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Dated: April 28, 2020

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